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NEW FORMAT FOR TEXAS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Beginning with this issue, readers will note a change in the general format of the Texas Labor Market Review. This is due to the transfer of this document to a desktop publishing computer. We hope these changes will benefit users – we invite your comments concerning these alterations.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose slightly over the month, from 6.7% in August to 7.1% in mid-September. The number of jobless Texans rose by 26,500 in September, totaling 594,400 in mid-September. Compared to the year-ago rate of 8.5%, however, the current rate was still considerably lower. Total employment declined over the month but was still well above the September 1987 level, at 7,793,200. Total agricultural employment was estimated at 183,400 in mid-September, according to the Current Population Survey. The chart on Page 3 **(Chart 1)** shows the gradual but steady decline in unemployment rates for the State in the past 24 months in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State inched upward over the month, from 6.8% to 7.0% in September 1988. The current rate in this series was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.4%. Rates for the U. S. in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series declined very slightly over the month. The actual rate for the Nation slid from 5.4% in August to 5.2% in September, and the seasonally adjusted rate inched downward from 5.6% to 5.4%.

NONFARM JOBS TOTAL RISES SEASONALLY

Hiring for the fall semester in state and local schools provided the primary impetus for an increase of 28,100 nonfarm salaried jobs between August and September. Only two major industry sectors other than Government recorded growth over the month, and both of those showed minor gains. All other major industry sectors recorded moderate-to-sizeable decreases.

Government increased by almost 37,000 jobs over the month, with the largest portion of the new hires in local schools and colleges. Local Government rose by 27,100 in September, and State Government gained 10,000 jobs primarily in the educational sector. Federal Government declined very slightly between August and September, as summer workers were released.

The other sector which benefitted from the staffing of schools for the fall semester was Educational Services, which rose by 7,200 as jobs were added in private schools and

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. '88	Aug.'88	Sep.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	121,842.0	123,396.0	119,884.0
Unemployment	6,368.0	6,659.0	6,857.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Employment	115,474.0	116,737.0	113,027.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	121,924.0	122,031.0	119,963.0
Unemployment	6,596.0	6,851.0	7,091.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,328.0	115,180.0	112,872.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,387.6	8,469.3	8,273.2
Unemployment	594.4	567.9	704.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.7%	8.5%
Total Employment	7,793.2	7,901.4	7,569.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,354.0	8,381.0	8,254.0
Unemployment	586.0	567.0	695.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.8%	8.4%
Total Employment	7,768.0	7,814.0	7,559.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**	SEP.'88*	AUG.'88**	SEP.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	50,300	49,300	48,700	77,800	76,900	75,100	350,400	339,900	353,800	129,000	128,500	129,000
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,600	9,400	9,500	9,900	40,000	40,000	39,700	25,100	25,400	24,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,200	2,400	2,000	3,900	4,000	3,900	15,400	15,700	18,700	6,300	6,300	7,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,800	5,700	5,800	10,700	10,800	10,800	9,800	9,800	9,900
Trade	13,800	13,900	13,400	23,400	23,300	22,700	77,300	76,800	79,600	31,200	31,400	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,800	24,700	25,000	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,400	12,700	13,200	16,800	16,700	16,300	83,800	83,100	84,800	27,700	28,000	28,000
Government	9,100	8,500	8,300	13,000	12,200	13,900	98,100	88,300	96,400	20,100	18,800	20,000
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	58,200	57,900	56,700	56,700	56,800	55,500	48,000	48,200	46,200	126,200	123,800	124,000
Manufacturing	16,800	15,700	15,400	10,300	10,500	10,300	3,100	3,100	3,000	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	–	–	–	700	800	700	4,200	4,100	4,000
Construction	6,900	6,700	5,600	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	6,200	6,500	6,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,800	6,900	7,000
Trade	10,800	11,100	11,100	17,800	17,800	17,700	9,700	9,800	9,800	32,400	32,500	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	6,200	6,100	7,700	14,100	15,100	13,800	6,700	6,500	6,300	29,700	29,100	28,800
Government	10,900	10,400	10,700	15,900	14,400	15,900	20,400	19,000	19,100	26,500	26,300	27,900
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,335.4	1,330.8	1,334.2	191,100	187,600	187,500	517,500	514,000	519,600	71,500	71,700	71,600
Manufacturing	222.5	222.3	221.6	39,200	38,900	38,300	118,800	119,100	116,600	8,400	8,400	8,800
Mining	18.1	18.3	18.5	–	–	–	3,600	3,800	3,800	500	600	600
Construction	48.4	50.0	61.6	9,200	9,300	9,900	19,300	19,500	24,500	2,900	2,800	3,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	93.4	93.0	89.8	10,900	10,900	10,400	31,200	31,300	30,300	4,600	4,400	5,200
Trade	351.5	352.5	345.8	47,600	47,000	46,400	133,000	132,700	137,900	14,700	15,100	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.4	126.4	132.7	9,100	9,300	9,500	28,700	28,800	28,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	323.2	321.9	316.2	36,900	36,500	35,000	116,800	116,900	112,300	14,900	15,200	14,000
Government	150.9	144.4	148.2	38,200	35,700	38,000	68,300	64,100	66,300	21,500	21,100	21,000
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,421.0	1,417.0	1,388.8	71,200	70,900	69,500	37,500	36,900	35,300	65,900	65,400	64,300
Manufacturing	152.4	152.0	147.2	8,300	8,400	7,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	15,800	15,900	15,800
Mining	84.2	84.4	82.9	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	85.5	87.5	84.7	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,300	1,200	3,300	3,400	2,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.5	100.0	98.2	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	357.6	359.6	349.1	16,500	16,800	16,200	10,800	10,800	10,200	17,100	17,100	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.1	98.1	100.3	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,800	1,700	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	375.3	375.2	380.3	15,800	15,600	15,100	6,100	6,100	5,800	11,900	11,500	11,600
Government	188.4	190.2	184.2	21,200	20,900	21,000	9,200	8,400	8,200	8,400	8,100	8,300
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,100	92,800	92,000	57,800	56,200	57,400	44,700	44,300	43,500	43,200	42,700	42,400
Manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,200	11,000	11,200	11,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,700	3,800	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,700	9,700	5,800	5,800	6,100
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,800	1,200	1,200	1,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	4,700	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,000	27,600	27,200	26,400	26,100	25,300	10,400	10,500	10,300	12,800	12,900	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	22,800	22,800	21,800	14,100	14,000	14,400	8,800	8,800	8,800	7,300	7,400	7,000
Government	21,200	20,200	21,900	24,800	23,400	25,000	7,200	6,600	6,200	7,700	6,900	7,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,300	35,900	36,000	512,000	504,300	501,700	37,800	38,000	37,900	45,100	44,400	45,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,700	47,000	46,300	46,700	11,100	11,300	11,000	7,300	7,200	7,500
Mining	400	400	400	2,500	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	25,300	26,300	30,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	17,800	18,100	18,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,300	135,600	135,200	130,600	8,400	8,400	8,400	10,800	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,500	41,000	39,800	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	8,000	7,800	126,700	126,100	119,900	8,700	8,500	8,700	9,500	9,600	9,300
Government	6,700	6,300	6,400	116,800	108,800	113,700	4,100	4,100	4,300	11,900	11,200	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,300	61,200	61,000	27,600	27,100	27,300	76,700	76,600	76,100	51,400	50,500	50,300
Manufacturing	10,300	10,400	10,700	2,900	3,000	3,000	14,900	15,000	15,100	8,300	8,300	8,500
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,200	1,700	1,800	1,700	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,200	2,200	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,500	8,000	7,700	7,900	19,100	19,100	19,000	12,200	12,100	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,800	14,500	5,900	5,600	5,700	20,500	19,700	20,200	11,600	11,500	11,500
Government	8,900	8,700	8,800	4,600	4,400	4,500	12,200	11,000	12,300	10,200	9,500	9,500

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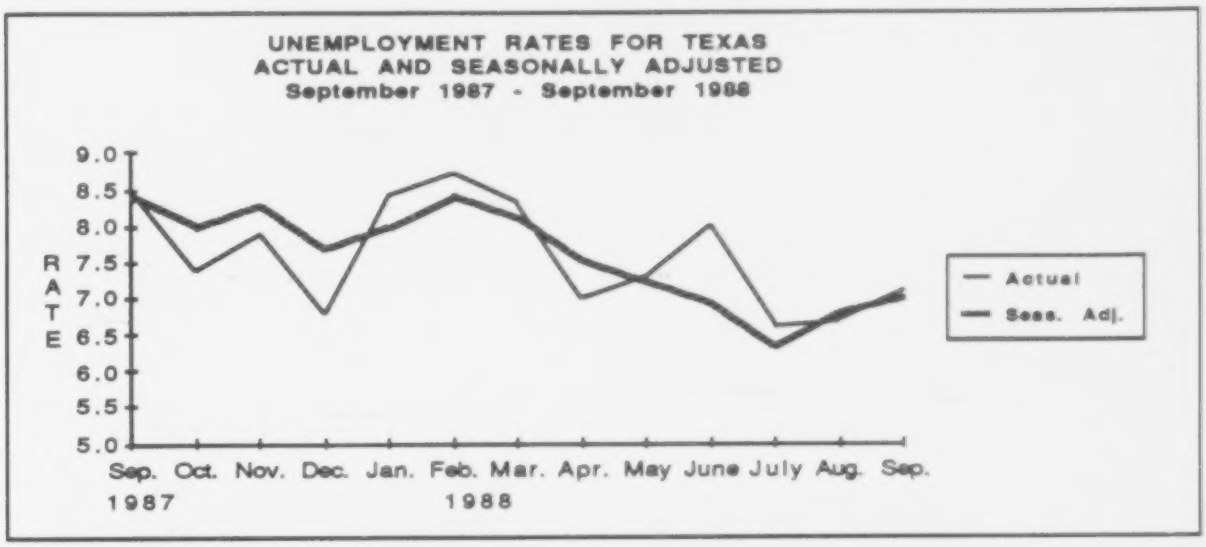

colleges over the month. The only other sector of Services which had a substantial increase in September was Business and Repair Services, where a large gain was reported in personnel supply service agencies which supply temporary workers to businesses. This industry has been expanding fairly rapidly in the last few years, as many employers prefer to use temporary employees for whom they need not pay as many benefits as they might for regular workers.

Partially nullifying these gains in Services was a seasonal decline of 3,500 in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, as many amusement parks began reducing hours or closing for the fall. Seasonal decreases also adversely affected Hotels and Other Lodging Places, which lost 1,500 jobs over the month as the tourist season ended. These drops left Services as a whole up only 3,200 despite the large gain in the educational sector.

Services has been the best source of new jobs during the past 12 months, contributing more than two-thirds of the total job growth during the past year. Health Services and Business and Repair Services are the two sectors which have generated the largest number of positions during this period.

The only other Nonmanufacturing sector which recorded employment increases in September was Transportation and Public Utilities, which gained 700 jobs. The primary gains were in Transportation, except Railroads, which rose by 1,100 over the month. This growth was partially offset by a small decline in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services, while Communications was unchanged.

The largest downturn in September occurred in Construction, which lost 7,000 jobs over the month, as summer workers were released. This sector remained 25,700 below its year-ago level and had lost over 110,000 jobs since its peak in March 1986.

Despite a healthy increase of 1,900 in General Merchandise Stores, both the Retail and Wholesale sectors of Trade deleted jobs in September. An estimated 1,600 positions were cut in Wholesale Trade over the month. Within the Retail segment, the largest decrease was in Eating and Drinking Places, which dropped 1,300 jobs in September. Smaller losses were fairly widespread through the other Retail sectors. Trade as a whole declined by 2,300 jobs over the month.

Mining continued a downturn which began in July, with an additional 1,900 cutbacks reported in September. Almost all of the drop was concentrated in Oil and Gas Extraction.

All sectors of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate recorded losses over the month, pulling the total for this industry group down by 1,800. The failure and/or merging of several savings and loan associations helped push employment down in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector. Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers also cut workers in September, and a smaller decrease occurred in Banking.

Although Manufacturing gained only 300 jobs over the month, the factory sector had produced 12,300 jobs over the past year. The current employment level was the highest for Manufacturing since June 1986.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Sep. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sep. '87**	Chg. from Aug. '88	Chg. from Sep. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,608,500	6,580,400	6,517,500	28,100	91,000
MANUFACTURING	951,200	950,900	938,900	300	12,300
Durable Goods	547,400	547,500	536,600	-100	10,800
Lumber & Wood Products	34,400	34,400	33,900	0	500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,400	17,000	0	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,800	43,200	43,800	-400	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,700	17,900	19,300	-200	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,700	27,400	0	1,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,700	76,300	72,400	400	4,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,300	35,900	35,100	400	1,200
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,300	101,300	99,900	0	1,400
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,800	21,700	-100	1,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,000	118,100	118,200	-100	1,800
Transportation Equipment	93,600	93,800	91,700	-200	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	54,700	54,700	52,000	0	2,700
Instruments & Related Prod.	21,900	21,700	21,400	200	500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,600	12,900	0	700
Nondurable Goods	403,800	403,400	402,300	400	1,500
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	96,900	99,100	700	-1,500
Meat Products	28,200	28,600	29,300	-400	-1,100
Dairy Products	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	10,200	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,200	54,500	53,800	-300	400
Paper & Allied Products	26,500	26,300	24,000	200	2,500
Printing & Publishing	73,900	73,700	72,700	200	1,200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,500	35,500	36,100	0	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,400	74,900	75,100	-500	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	31,500	32,500	-300	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	27,800	28,100	29,300	-300	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,600	0	800
Other Nondurable Goods	33,600	33,200	33,300	400	300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,657,300	5,629,500	5,578,600	27,800	78,700
Mining	179,600	181,500	181,900	-1,900	-2,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,400	9,500	9,900	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,200	172,000	172,000	-1,800	-1,800
Construction	320,900	327,900	346,600	-7,000	-25,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	394,400	393,700	388,000	700	6,400
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	21,600	0	-1,100
Transportation, exc. Railroads	213,700	212,600	206,000	1,100	7,700
Transportation by Air	63,400	62,900	57,400	500	6,000
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,300	84,300	84,500	0	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	76,300	75,900	-400	0
Electric Services	40,900	41,200	41,500	-300	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,800	27,100	-100	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,664,700	1,667,000	1,643,300	-2,300	21,400
Wholesale Trade	409,800	411,400	407,100	-1,600	2,700
Retail Trade	1,254,900	1,255,600	1,236,200	-700	18,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	44,900	45,500	-700	-1,300
General Merchandise Stores	169,100	167,200	164,600	1,900	4,500
Food Stores	228,700	228,800	226,900	-100	1,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,900	135,300	133,900	-400	1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,400	78,700	79,600	-300	-1,200
Eating & Drinking Places	415,000	416,300	401,400	-1,300	13,600
Other Retail Trade	184,600	184,400	184,300	200	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	441,100	442,900	441,300	-1,800	-200
Banking	98,600	99,000	97,300	-400	1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,500	139,200	138,200	-700	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,000	204,700	205,800	-700	-1,800
Services	1,504,100	1,500,900	1,441,300	3,200	62,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,400	82,900	82,300	-1,500	-900
Personal Services	84,500	83,800	82,600	700	1,900
Business & Repair Services	420,800	418,700	400,600	2,100	20,200
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	57,600	61,100	55,000	-3,500	2,600
Health Services	413,000	413,300	389,100	-300	23,900
Educational Services	75,500	68,300	78,500	7,200	-3,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	371,300	372,800	353,200	-1,500	18,100
Total Government	1,152,500	1,115,600	1,136,200	36,900	16,300
Federal Government	192,000	192,200	194,600	-200	-2,600
State Government	242,300	232,300	229,600	10,000	12,700
Local Government	718,200	691,100	712,000	27,100	6,200

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,200	54,100	102,200	103,000	101,600	430,700	427,700	428,800
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,100	4,400	6,000	5,500	6,700	25,100	24,700	28,900
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	5.6%	8.1%	5.9%	5.3%	6.6%	5.8%	5.8%	6.7%
Total Employment ✦✦	52,300	52,100	49,700	96,200	97,500	94,900	405,600	403,000	399,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,900	163,000	162,300	83,300	83,900	81,400	97,300	100,700	96,900
Total Unemployment	16,300	15,500	19,800	6,400	6,200	8,100	12,100	12,500	13,800
Percent Unemployed	10.1%	9.5%	12.2%	7.7%	7.4%	10.0%	12.4%	12.4%	14.2%
Total Employment ✦✦	145,600	147,500	142,500	76,900	77,700	73,300	85,200	88,200	83,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,900	57,400	55,700	161,600	162,200	160,700	1,471.8	1,493.2	1,457.0
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,400	3,100	14,400	13,800	19,100	83.6	80.5	97.8
Percent Unemployed	4.3%	4.2%	5.6%	8.9%	8.5%	11.9%	5.7%	5.4%	6.7%
Total Employment ✦✦	55,400	55,000	52,600	147,200	148,400	141,600	1,388.2	1,412.7	1,359.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,900	242,500	236,800	685,400	693,800	680,700	109,600	112,500	110,500
Total Unemployment	27,400	24,300	26,900	42,100	40,500	47,100	9,200	9,100	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.1%	10.0%	11.4%	6.1%	5.8%	6.9%	8.4%	8.1%	10.9%
Total Employment ✦✦	218,500	218,200	209,900	643,300	653,300	633,600	100,400	103,400	98,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,634.4	1,658.4	1,610.3	97,200	98,600	94,000	47,100	46,800	45,100
Total Unemployment	107.3	103.5	145.2	7,500	7,200	8,200	5,700	5,200	6,500
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.2%	9.0%	7.7%	7.3%	8.7%	12.1%	11.1%	14.4%
Total Employment ✦✦	1,527.1	1,554.9	1,465.1	89,700	91,400	85,800	41,400	41,600	38,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,900	79,500	116,200	117,200	113,400	146,100	143,400	143,600
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,200	8,400	5,800	6,000	7,200	26,300	23,100	27,200
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	7.7%	10.6%	5.0%	5.1%	6.3%	18.0%	16.1%	18.9%
Total Employment ✦✦	73,700	74,700	71,100	110,400	111,200	106,200	119,800	120,300	116,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	50,700	50,000	54,100	54,300	53,600	46,100	46,400	45,000
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	4,300	4,100	3,800	5,300	2,800	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.1%	8.6%	7.6%	7.0%	9.9%	6.1%	5.8%	6.2%
Total Employment ✦✦	47,500	48,100	45,700	50,000	50,500	48,300	43,300	43,700	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,000	634,700	610,000	50,400	51,000	49,400	58,100	58,700	57,700
Total Unemployment	49,200	47,000	49,900	3,500	3,000	4,000	4,500	4,600	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	7.4%	8.2%	6.9%	5.9%	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%	8.0%
Total Employment ✦✦	582,800	587,700	560,100	46,900	48,000	45,400	53,600	54,100	53,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	78,200	76,900	37,100	37,500	37,200	94,300	94,000	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,500	6,900	2,500	2,400	3,300	6,100	6,100	7,700
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.0%	9.0%	6.7%	6.4%	8.9%	6.5%	6.5%	8.3%
Total Employment ✦✦	71,100	72,700	70,000	34,600	35,100	33,900	88,200	87,900	85,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,800	58,900	57,600				8,387.6	8,469.3	8,273.2
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,200	4,500				594.4	567.9	704.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.4%	7.8%				7.1%	6.7%	8.5%
Total Employment ✦✦	55,200	55,700	53,100				7,793.2	7,901.4	7,569.2

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ✦✦ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✤

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87	Sep.'88*	Aug.'88	Sep.'87
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$417.42	$416.75	$412.51	41.7	41.8	41.5	$10.01	$9.97	$9.94
Durable Goods	415.80	413.55	402.68	42.0	41.9	41.3	9.90	9.87	9.75
Lumber & Wood Products	303.17	291.01	286.94	42.7	40.7	40.3	7.10	7.15	7.12
Furniture & Fixtures	275.00	275.94	259.11	40.5	42.0	39.2	6.79	6.57	6.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	387.24	392.70	394.74	42.0	42.5	43.0	9.22	9.24	9.18
Primary Metal Industries	448.28	449.78	430.61	41.7	43.0	40.7	10.75	10.46	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	388.20	393.64	376.33	42.8	43.4	41.4	9.07	9.07	9.09
Machinery, exc. Electric	421.60	424.58	411.18	42.5	42.5	42.0	9.92	9.99	9.79
Oil Field Machinery	444.36	484.85	486.17	42.0	44.4	43.1	10.58	10.92	11.28
Electric & Electronic Equip.	447.02	438.21	433.61	41.2	40.5	40.6	10.85	10.82	10.68
Transportation Equipment	559.87	550.83	526.23	43.1	42.7	42.2	12.99	12.90	12.47
Instruments & Related Prod.	360.60	360.25	353.36	38.9	39.2	40.2	9.27	9.19	8.79
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.83	257.37	271.99	37.6	37.3	38.8	7.07	6.90	7.01
Nondurable Goods	419.20	420.34	424.69	41.3	41.7	41.8	10.15	10.08	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	348.01	348.82	347.49	42.7	42.8	42.9	8.15	8.15	8.1
Meat Products	257.00	264.78	275.62	42.2	42.5	43.2	6.09	6.23	6.38
Malt Beverages	817.20	785.00	804.49	45.4	44.3	45.4	18.00	17.72	17.72
Textile Mill Products	320.85	330.04	309.67	43.3	44.6	43.8	7.41	7.40	7.07
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.09	199.93	193.44	36.9	38.3	35.3	5.26	5.22	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	478.49	475.20	470.22	44.1	44.0	43.1	10.85	10.80	10.91
Printing & Publishing	393.90	396.36	406.00	39.0	39.4	40.6	10.10	10.06	10.00
Chemicals & Allied Products	658.19	639.52	678.91	42.3	41.5	44.2	15.56	15.41	15.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	684.68	721.39	681.33	42.9	45.6	44.3	15.96	15.82	15.38
Petroleum Refining	706.63	744.84	703.04	42.8	45.5	44.3	16.51	16.37	15.87
Leather & Leather Products	238.34	238.19	205.25	39.2	39.5	36.2	6.08	6.03	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	393.98	391.47	419.51	43.2	43.4	46.1	9.12	9.02	9.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	489.68	478.53	472.43	39.3	39.0	39.6	12.46	12.27	11.93
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	553.05	565.24	527.68	45.0	47.3	43.9	12.29	11.95	12.02
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.47	473.55	468.46	38.9	38.5	39.3	12.48	12.30	11.92
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	517.04	511.92	502.10	41.1	40.5	40.2	12.58	12.64	12.49
Elec., Gas & San. Services	487.63	466.38	456.34	40.4	38.8	40.1	12.07	12.02	11.38
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.01	231.24	232.50	32.3	32.8	32.7	7.09	7.05	7.11
Wholesale Trade	401.45	398.09	384.33	38.9	38.8	38.9	10.32	10.26	9.88
Retail Trade	178.45	181.66	186.03	30.4	31.0	30.8	5.87	5.86	6.04
General Merchandise Stores	169.90	173.75	199.13	28.7	29.3	29.9	5.92	5.93	6.66
Banking	266.79	259.20	256.62	36.9	35.9	36.4	7.23	7.22	7.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$419.16	$411.42	$410.35	42.0	41.6	41.2	$9.98	$9.89	$9.96
Durable Goods	446.27	433.68	431.39	42.3	41.5	41.4	10.55	10.45	10.42
Nondurable Goods	376.06	376.20	375.77	41.6	41.8	40.8	9.04	9.00	9.21
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	453.42	445.17	412.00	42.1	41.8	41.2	10.77	10.65	10.00
Durable Goods	478.98	468.15	433.05	42.5	42.1	41.8	11.27	11.12	10.36
Nondurable Goods	386.63	384.17	357.59	41.0	41.0	39.6	9.43	9.37	9.03
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	484.92	494.60	496.57	42.8	43.5	44.1	11.33	11.37	11.26
Durable Goods	410.48	424.98	412.22	43.3	44.5	43.3	9.48	9.55	9.52
Nondurable Goods	569.19	574.01	591.30	42.1	42.3	45.0	13.52	13.57	13.14
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.98	303.28	298.54	39.6	39.8	39.7	7.55	7.62	7.52
Durable Goods	313.05	320.93	309.50	38.6	38.9	38.4	8.11	8.25	8.06
Nondurable Goods	286.53	286.53	287.53	40.7	40.7	40.9	7.04	7.04	7.03

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✤ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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Changes in both Durable and Nondurable Goods between August and September were minimal, as modest gains and losses in both sectors offset one another. Within Durable Goods, the largest increase was reported in Fabricated Metal Industries, which gained only 400 jobs in September. This gain was nullified by a similar-sized decline in Stone, Clay and Glass Products. A smaller increase in Instruments and Related Products was also offfset by a decrease in Transportation Equipment. The net result of these changes was a loss of 100 jobs in the Durable Goods sector in September.

Nondurable Goods managed little better, despite a seasonal gain of 700 jobs in Food and Kindred Products and smaller increases in Paper and Allied Products and in Printing and Publishing. These advances were partially offset by moderate declines in other segments. Chemicals and Allied Products lost 500 jobs over the month, and Petroleum and Coal Products and Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products each dropped 300 jobs. The result of these increases and decreases was a total gain of 400 jobs in the Nondurable Goods sector in September.

AVERAGE HOURS INCH DOWN WHILE EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

There were an estimated 617,600 Manufacturing production workers in Texas as of mid-September — up 500 from the August level. The average worker was earning $10.01 an hour for a 41.7-hour work week in September and earning an average of $417.42 per week. Average weekly hours slid downward by 0.1 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings rose 4¢, pushing weekly wages up by only 67¢ from August to September. Changes from a year ago were also fairly minimal, as average weekly hours had risen by only 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up only 7¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	SEP.'88	SEP.'87
Total Population	16,897,000*	16,801,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.1
UI Covered Employers	311,313	315,190
Total Claims Actions	495,856	587,960
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,289	62,589
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	436,567	525,371
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.80	$155.25
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,441,386	$72,805,366
Total Placements	33,357	28,000

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
THIRD QUARTER 1988 (JULY-DECEMBER)

Abilene	$818,121
Amarillo	1,788,211
Austin	8,051,370
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,953,505
Brazoria	2,148,215
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,585,589
Bryan-College Station	691,245
Corpus Christi	3,541,286
Dallas	28,823,170
El Paso	6,513,729
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,186,833
Galveston-Texas City	2,837,472
Houston	33,117,296
Killeen-Temple	1,404,531
Laredo	1,210,771
Longview-Marshall	1,950,408
Lubbock	1,293,014
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,274,543
Midland	725,187
Odessa	1,138,991
San Angelo	860,034
San Antonio	13,624,040
Sherman-Denison	860,030
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	719,917
Tyler	1,785,836
Victoria	846,735
Waco	1,677,522
Wichita Falls	947,534
State of Texas	171,427,146

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